

For The Evening Telegraph.

**NEGLECTED.**

We often think in silence and in sorrow  
Of those who pass, when humankind are  
sown;

We heed them not, but hope on some fair  
morn.

Sunshine will tint the cloud.

Would such but pause, and calmly look within—

Think how mortality is often swayed,

How the poor human heart inclines to sin,

How weak and frail 'tis made—

Then would not envy, malice, want of thought:

Withhold the hand of such at sorrow's call;

But conscience bring them to the spot unsought,

Weeping o'er the frail one's fall.

But let them pass. Alone do we appeal

To Him who deems of mercy never forgets;

Happy the man on whom the Father's seal

Of approbation sets.

But ye who spurn, or impiously neglect,

The friend who bends beneath misfortune's

rod—

Who "pitied from afar," and thus expect

Humanity and God.

To be appeased—think of that fearful day

When the Great Arbitrator our souls shall sum;

No joy then for thee, but turned away,

Thy lips forever dumb!

J. J. MILLER.

**A Notable Russian, and What He Did.**The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London *Herald* writes, under date of November 11:

"It is intended to set on foot a subscription for the purpose of erecting a monument at Kief in honor of the late Count Alexis Bobrinsky, in token of respect for his memory and gratitude for eminent services rendered to his country during a long and active career. It was entirely under his auspices, and in consequence of his energetic efforts, that the first railway in Russia—that of Tsarskoe Selo—was constructed, now thirty years ago. Not long after he succeeded in convincing the late Emperor Nicholas of the necessity of making the Moscow line in opposition to all the ministers of that day. And to the late count, more than to any other individual, Russia is indebted for the progress of the culture of beetroot for sugar, especially in the southwestern provinces. His model farms, factories, and refineries at Smila have proved a nursery of incalculable benefit to the whole country."

"Twenty-five years ago, according to the *Odessa Messenger*, the annual consumption of sugar in the country was only two millions and a half of pounds, and but a small proportion of this was of native manufacture. At the present moment the government of Kief alone produces annually upwards of three millions. The price of sugar is considerably reduced; importation has proportionately diminished, while the quantity consumed has more than doubled itself. Formerly it was necessary to get factory directors and superintendents from other countries, who were only induced to sell their services by the offer of high pay, and the choice of whom was not in all cases a happy one. At present the Smila school furnishes all Russia with well-instructed and intelligent managers, who have been brought up and formed under the eye of the count himself. Then the peasants were often in want, and wages were extremely low; now all the millions that used to be spent on foreign sugar remain in the country, and crowds of workmen flock from distant governments to work on the plantations during the summer, while in winter they find remunerative employment in the factories."

"The late count's son, Vladimir, was sent last year by Government to examine and report on the state of railways in Russia, and in the past autumn made a similar mission in England, visiting Newcastle and other towns; he was on the point of starting for the United States, on a third mission of the same nature, when he was suddenly recalled by the news of his father's death. According to Prince Dolgoruky, the great authority on genealogical questions, the family is descended from Alexei Bobrinsky, natural son of Catherine II and Count Gregory Orloff. The child at first received the name of Romanoff, which was afterwards changed to the one now borne by the family, and taken from an estate called Brobriki, in the government of Tula, which was bestowed upon her son by the Empress."

"At the funeral which took place on Sunday last at the Alexander Newsky Convent, the Emperor and his brothers Constantine and Nicholas were present, as well as Prince Gortschakoff, Count Salourov, Generals Timashev, Melnikoff, and Zelenoy, and a great many members of the Council of the Empire. Monsignor Isidore, Metropolitan of Novgorod and St. Petersburg, officiated."

**The Big Trees.**

Carleton, on the *Boston Journal*, has taken in the big trees of California on his homeward route. He thus alludes to them:

"It is five miles to the grove of big trees, though there are trees all around us which would be called big in the East. We climb a hill—our horses all the way plowing their hoofs into granulated granite—hardly enough decomposed to be classed as soil. A few minutes' ride down the southwestern slope of the hill and we are among the monarchs of the forest. They do not seem to be at first sight very much larger than the surrounding pines, and it is only by measurement and comparison that we can comprehend their magnitude. The great elm on Boston Common is between six and seven feet in diameter, but here are six hundred trees the smallest of which is twelve feet in diameter, and the largest thirty-three! The measurements which give these diameters are taken one yard from the ground. Ten feet up they have diminished about one-third, but above that hold their dimensions to a great height. One which fell many years ago from which the bark has crumbled, is now thirty-three feet in diameter, and you can walk two hundred and fifty feet along that portion of the trunk which has not yet decayed. One board from this tree would be sufficient to board up the side of a meeting house. We might have from this single trunk the hull of a ship of greater tonnage than the Santa Maria, in which Columbus crossed the ocean. One lager even than the Mayflower of the Pilgrims. Sit down and look at the monster called the 'grizzly giant.' It is ninety feet up to the first limb, which is six feet and four inches in diameter. A line one hundred and thirty feet from the ground has been broken off thirty feet from the body of the fallen tree, and the fallen portion lies before us on the ground, eleven feet in circumference, or nearly four feet in diameter! There are thirteen of us in our party, and we all ride into the burned cavity of one tree still standing and sit there upon our horses, with room for six or eight more! We ride through the hollow trunk of another fallen tree thirty feet, as if it were a section of the Thames tunnel, or of a tubular railway bridge! Were I the first to give such statements, your readers would have reason for which that I was a lineal descendant of Baron Munchausen."

"It is wonderful, but wonder becomes amazement when we look upon the cones produced by these trees, and find them to be not larger than a hen's egg, and the seeds a mere speck.

It would take a dozen of them to weigh down an apple-seed! Yet enfolded in this little feathered cell, which lies in my hand, which my gentlest breathing will send whirling through the air, is another forest monarch as mighty as those around me.

**The Alaska Purchase—Amounts Paid to News-givers and Lobby-men.**

The Washington correspondent of the Worcester *Advertiser* writes as follows:

"On the 27th inst., Mr. W. H. Smith, for Alaska, the amount is now reported. He has actually got \$2,000,000 in gold, about £1,000,000 sterling. This leaves \$2,000,000 to be accounted for. How much of this went to pay for the collection, perhaps, is not known. The documents and reports of a favorable character submitted to us in all sorts of ways and by all sorts of persons, is more than can ever be guessed. Doubtless a good round sum."

But with regard to the outside ring—the three thousand and more persons who have been paid, it is reported that above \$600,000 in kickbacks was spent among them. Mr. Biggs, a banker here, is said to have obtained from the Secretary of the Treasury, just at the close of the debates on the bill, a sum of \$100,000, and this was given to him as a gratuity for his services to the cause of Alaska."

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